

## PAST TENSE SYSTEM

**75% (UK) - 85% (US) PAST SIMPLE**  
default tense (klasika / standardní nastavení)

“Yesterday Bob ate 4 chocolate-covered cockroaches. Yum.”

Use **PAST SIMPLE** *unless* you have a special situation.

### 3 special situations:

1. **5% PAST CONTINUOUS** for the background (zákulisí) to an event in the **PAST SIMPLE**.

“While Bob was throwing up, his mum called.”

2. **5% PAST PERFECT** together with **PAST SIMPLE** to explain why a past event happened (due to something earlier in the past). Can also be **předminulý průběhový**.

~~“Bob felt sick because he ate 4 chocolate-covered cockroaches.”~~ = současně ☹

“Bob felt sick because he had eaten 4 chocolate-covered cockroaches.” = nejdřív snědl, a pak mu bylo špatně ☺

3. **5-15% PRESENT PERFECT** (US/UK) for timeframes which started in the past, and we are still in them (e.g. the event happened in the day/week/month that we are still in.) Can also be **předpřítomný průběhový**.

“So far this month I have eaten 18 chocolate-covered cockroaches.”

~~I live in Brno for 4 years~~ ☹

I have lived in Brno for 4 years.

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